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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD

Letter dated 16 April 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith,* the "Comment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in regard to the resolution adopted at the Commission on Human Rights 'Situation of human rights in Kosovo'" E/CN.4/1999/L.3/Rev.1. I would like to ask you to have it circulated as an official document of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 9.

(signed) Branko Brankovic
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Annex

COMMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
in regard to the Resolution adopted at the Commission for Human Rights
"Situation of human rights in Kosovo" E/CN.4/1999/L.3/rev.1

It is known that the noble causes of the Commission on Human Rights are promotion and protection of human rights worldwide. However, over the past few years, we witness attempts that the Commission and its decisions be changed into an instrument for political goals of those self-proclaimed leaders and protectors of human rights in particular.

A clear example of such a politicization of the Commission's work is the adoption of the Resolution "Situation of human rights in Kosovo" E/CN.4/1999/L.3/Rev.1. All those who voted for its adoption are victims of unscrupulous propaganda campaign and lies fabricated against the FR of Yugoslavia by countries members of the NATO Alliance which perpertrated the aggression against the FR of Yugoslavia. The sole goal of those who suggested that this resolution be adopted is to justify and get further support for the barbaric NATO aggression against the FR of Yugoslavia.

The NATO aggression against a sovereign and independent FR of Yugoslavia is the flagrant violation of the UN Charter, OSCE Final Act, basic principles of international humanitarian law, including the very statute of the NATO as a defensive alliance. Continued bombing of the entire territory of the FR of Yugoslavia, of civilian facilities and infrastructure in particular, is the direct and only cause of the humanitarian catastrophe in the entire region of the Balkans. From the standpoint of human rights, this aggression represents an act of genocide against the peoples of the FR of Yugoslavia.

The text of the adopted Resolution puts the Commission and all those who voted for it in function of daily politics and strategic interests of certain countries under the leadership of the United States of America. Those countries wish to create a world hegemony, to impose solutions by force and to create colonies and protectorates, everything that the international community has rejected by adopting the UN Charter and its principles.

Such a behavior by self-proclaimed leaders in the field of human rights, supported by the adoption of resolutions alike this one, is only contributing to creating chaos in international relations, to destroying the UN system, to establishing the "right of the stronger" and to scandalous annulment of basic principles in the field of human rights built up throughout all these years. Hitler destroyed the League of Nations in the very building in which this resolution was adopted. By adopting the afore mentioned resolution, the Commission helps NATO aggressors destroy the UN.

The FR of Yugoslavia believes that the UN and all its member states, as well as the Commission itself, will succeed to stand up to the behavior of modern hegemonies that destroy the Charter, carry out genocide and wish to establish "the right of the stronger". Should the UN and the Commission fail to stand up to that, humanity will enter the twenty first century whose main feature will be chaos, lawlessness and military interventions.